PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE BULLETIN

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Excitement Grows As New Building Progresses

Each month our new building assumes a more finished look and anticipation of the completed structure increases as the construction work continues.

The vast excavation has been filled by steel girders and concrete floor sections. By early spring the stone facing will begin to cover the steel skeleton and the educational wing will begin to grow in beauty as each step of work proceeds. At this moment the parapet wall surrounding the roof-top playground of our Early Childhood Center has been disassembled to make way for the placement of a pier that will connect the roof of the new building with that of the Milton Steinberg House. Already the reality of the expanded size of our future facility can be felt.

A modified architectural design effected during the summer will reveal a new edifice far more in consonance with the style of our beautiful Sanctuary building. Everyone associated with the building program is enthusiastic about these modifications that provide functional improvements and enhance the physical appearance of the building.

The capital funds required for the construction come from the Park Avenue Synagogue Building Fund. All contributions to the Building Fund have come voluntarily, the gifts of members of the congregation and donations from non-affiliated individuals and corporate institutions that have become interested in the important purpose of this project. Yet, it is essential to understand that *all* of the necessary funds should be at hand to meet the construction costs and avoid costly loans or mortgage obligations at the end of the job.

Every member of Park Avenue Synagogue who has not yet participated in the Building Fund and is

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, February 2 .....5:45 p.m.
FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday morning, February 3 .....9:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Erik Ehrlichson
Son of Mrs. Sylvia Ayache and Mr. Jacob Ehrlichson

Friday night, February 9 .....8:30 p.m.
Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak on
"THE JEWISH RETURN INTO HISTORY"
Reactions to the book by Emil L. Fackenheim

Saturday morning, February 10 .....9:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Amy Cohen
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cohen

Friday night, February 16 .....8:30 p.m.
"ASK THE RABBI"
Oneg Shabbat and the opportunity to ask questions about Judaism, Jews and Jewish Life

Saturday morning, February 17 .....9:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Isler
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Isler

Friday night, February 23 .....8:30 p.m.
MEN'S CLUB SABBATH
Hon. Mario Coumo,
Lt. Governor of the State of New York, will speak

Saturday morning, February 24 .....9:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of David Wallman
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Wallman

Rabbi Judah Nadich and Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ.

REMEMBER:

Singles service and Oneg Shabbat, Friday evening, February 2nd, 8 p.m. Rabbi Wechsler will discuss the topic: "Trying Mysticism on for Size."

For Jewish Singles ages 20-35

Summer Camp Comes To a Jewish Home

Several weeks ago there was a great stir over an article in the NEW YORK TIMES, entitled, "Christmas Comes to a Jewish Home" by Ann Roiphe. The author waxed ecstatic over the joy and the meaning of the holiday in her so-called Jewish home. Perhaps the article was not as harmful as it appeared to be at first. True, it showed her ignorance of things Jewish, a lack of self-respect, Jewish self-hatred and a great desire to be someone other than she is. The benefit of the article lay in the overwhelming response it elicited. Hundreds of letters, almost all of them negative, arrived at the TIMES which printed a few in addition to a brilliant repartée by Cynthia Ozick. Almost all of the letters stressed the Jewish ignorance of the writer, and the consequent need for Jewish knowledge and education. Even more, many pointed out the absolute urgency of positive Jewish group experiences for the Jewish child in his/her developmental years. The excitement and joy of the Jewish holidays, the atmosphere peculiar to each Jewish ritual and observance, the very sounds and smells of Jewish homes — all of these can be and must be transmitted by us to our children.

This is a tall order and we need help. We need, first and foremost, the home — our home — our own creation built with our hands and our labor. But we need too the Synagogue and the School as resource centers which will provide the information and inspiration we must have. There is another resource center which can be of inestimable help to us in this sacred task and that is the summer camp. All the learning, the theories, the history and the ethical teaching that we try to impart to our children during the school year become alive and real during July and August at Camp Ramah. Hebrew changes from a language of study to a living tongue. Prayer, study, celebrations change from abstractions to the arena of real life and form the fabric of a happy venture in Jewish living. What an indispensable aid in forming the character of human beings who will grow up as proud, informed, intelligent and happy Jews! The kind of Jews who need never suffer from the disease known as the December Syndrome, who will know who they are, and will be happy being what they are — proud members of the Jewish people.

Judah Nadich

January Issue of Sound Magazine for Blind Dedicated to Rabbi Nadich

The January issue of the sound magazine, JBI VOICE, was dedicated to Rabbi Nadich with the following words. "This issue of the JBI VOICE, the sound magazine of the Jewish Braille Institute of America, is dedicated to a distinguished leader of the Institute, Rabbi Judah Nadich. Inspiring spiritual force in American Jewish life, he has shared his gifts of mind and spirit as a Trustee and Officer of the JBI to the benefit of blind and visually handicapped Jews everywhere. As the creative Chairman of the JBI Committee on Services to Israel, he has counselled towards the development of new services and the increased meaning and vitality of existing ones. Because of his concern, the visually impared of Israel can now share in the cultural and educational life of the Jewish people as they revere their heritage."

The Seminary and the Hebrew University

It is especially significant that the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel's most prestigious academic institution, has as the heads of its four separate departments of Talmud, Bible, Education and Contemporary Jewry, four scholars who came from the United States and received their education in this country, all of them Conservative rabbis who graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

This interesting fact speaks volumes about the caliber of scholarship at the Seminary. It is encouraging to those who are concerned about the intellectual and religious qualities of the American Jewish community and its students who devote themselves to Jewish studies.

Building Progresses

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capable of making an immediate gift or a pledge is urged to do so *now*. Whether the contribution be large or small, it will be appreciated. Indeed, with a maximum response from our Synagogue of nearly 1,000 family units, the fundraising effort can, conceivably, be completed during 1979. How wonderful that would be. Let's do it!

Tu Bishvat

Several years ago, the historian Arnold Toynbee lashed into the Bible in one of his not infrequent attacks. His concern: the Biblical roots of Western man's exploitation of nature. The Bible conceives of man as the ruler of nature, he said, and it is such an attitude which is at the root of the pollution which is poisoning our planet.

There was a grain of truth to Toynbee's contention. Just a grain. It is true that the Bible sees man as the ruler of nature — such that our ability to conquer disease or to make the desert bloom is in line with what the Bible sees as man's place in nature. But Toynbee neglected to acknowledge that the story doesn't end there.

The Bible also sees man as the guardian of nature. His job is to watch over it and to protect it at the very time that he exploits it for his own use. To the Bible, and to Jewish religion, there is a tension with which we Jews should live: Use the world to make it a better place for human beings. Guard the world so that it remains strong and well.

Tu Bishvat, the New Year of the Trees, occurs on February 12. On it, we celebrate nature's own cycle. Nature has its own New Year. And, lest we see it as subservient to us, we are asked to help celebrate its New Year, to respect it and to rejoice in it, for nature is the great creation of God.

Harlan J. Wechsler

Third Sabbath, Third Meal

There is an old Jewish tradition to have three meals on the Sabbath: Friday night, Saturday after Services, and late Saturday afternoon as the Sabbath wanes. The third meal, called the *Seudah Shlishit*, is a time for singing, studying, eating a little, and spending a while together before the end of the Sabbath day.

On the third Shabbat of the month, February 17, at 4 P.M. we shall join together for the third meal. At that time, Rabbi Wechsler will teach the weekly Talmud class as part of the Seudah Shlishit. You need not have studied any Talmud before, nor do you need to know Hebrew. But the study of the tractate Ketubot, about marriage in Jewish life, will take place at the third meal, together with singing appropriate for the day.

All are invited to come to the Third Meal on the Third Sabbath, February 17 at 4 P.M. Future dates for the Seudah Shlishit to note down: March 17, April 28 and May 19, at 4 P.M.

Reception For Jewish Singles 30-50

On Sunday afternoon, March 4, Park Avenue Synagogue will host a Pre-Purim Sherry for unmarried Jewish men and women between the ages of 30 and 50. The holiday of Purim is a time of great joy and merriment and, in light of the day, Rabbi Wechsler will deliver a short talk entitled: "Roasting Haman and Toasting Mordechai: A New Megillah."

All Jewish singles 30-50 years of age are cordially invited. Should members of the congregation wish to have others informed of this reception, please call Sally Decker at the Synagogue in order to have an invitation sent. Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 P.M.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Berger, upon the engagement of their son, Joel to Hinda Lax.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin I. Kanefsky, upon the birth of their son, Michael Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Postel, upon the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Susan Lawrence to Clifford Hertz.

Mr. and Mrs. Zvi Kanner, upon the engagement of their son, Dov. Mrs. Kanner is on the Faculty of the Religious School.

We Take Pride In

Arthur Gerwin, who was nominated by President Carter as Brigadier General in the United States Air Force Reserve, Department of the Judge Advocate General.

Condolences

To the family of Rose Heller, upon her death.

Mrs. Eliahu Khan-Issahar, upon the death of her husband.

Mr. Sidney Rawitz, upon the death of his uncle, Paul Rawitz.

Mrs. Gerald Schiller, upon the death of her father, George A. Saltzman.

Mrs. Edward M. Siegel, upon the death of her father, Benjamin Roth.

Mrs. Muriel Willins, upon the death of her son, Hugh Levy.

President's Sadat's Letter to Steven Price

The President
of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Cairo, December 17, 1978.

Dear Mr. STEVEN PRICE,

With deep recognition, I received your kind, congratulatory message on the occasion of winning Nobel Peace Prize, 1978, in appreciation of the efforts we exert to rehabilitate real, just and durable peace in the Middle East area.

It is a great pleasure for me to extend to you all heartfelt thanks for your noble sentiments towards me as well as for your deep appreciation of our peace drive, on the way towards permanent stability, order and prosperity.

I wish to emphasize a simple fact, that our people have chosen the road of peace out of full conviction that it is the only way leading to the creation of a serene, prosperous life for themselves as well as for the peoples of this sensitive area of the world.

In fact, I was pleased to receive you together with your colleagues in Alexandria last July, because I feel that you represent the new generation for whom we are anxious to establish peace and promote prosperity.

Kindly accept, most sincere regards wishing you all the best of health, happiness and success.

Mohamed Anwar El Sadat.

Editor's Note:
Steven Price, one of the students in our High School who participated in the 1978 trip to Egypt, Jordan and Israel, during which the group met with President Sadat.

A Call To Join By UJA-Federation

The Special Volunteer Division for UJA-Federation was founded two years ago. This division has won the respect and praise for the amount of contributions it has raised.

The men and women who are engaged in our activity of Person-to-Person telephoning feel happy having discovered a new, meaningful way of spending free hours and in addition derive satisfaction that comes from having done their share in helping UJA-Federation continue their humanitarian services to our people in Israel, around the world, and here at home.

Join with them and give extra meaning to your spare time.

For information call 265-2200 Ext. 438.

Everyone Welcome To Shabbaton, Mar. 9, 10

Dr. Heskel Haddad, Chairman of the World Organization For Jews From Arab Countries, will lead a discussion, which will also include other participants from the synagogue family, on "Jewish Community Life in Other Countries," on Saturday afternoon, March 10 at 2 P.M. This program of discussion and discovery and remembrance (coming on *Shabbat Zakhor*, the Sabbath of Remembrance) will be part of the annual SHABBATON, sponsored by the Women's Evening Group.

Just as the Synagogue represents an extended family which welcomes the participation of all its members, from the youngest child to the oldest great-grandparent, the SHABBATON, a celebration of the Sabbath, welcomes everyone to come and join the traditional rejoicing of the Sabbath. The period of time from Services in the Sanctuary, Friday, March 9 at 5:45 p.m. until the sweet, spicy, lingering aroma of the Havdalah Service, at sundown, Saturday, March 10 has been set aside in the Synagogue for this purpose.

A traditional Friday evening meal follows Services in the Sanctuary. Cost: Adult, $7.50; Child, $4.25. Dinner will be followed by singing, dancing, conversation and good relaxation. On Saturday, following Services in the Sanctuary, which begin at 9:30 A.M., luncheon will be served in the Lemberg Auditorium. Cost: Adult, $5; Child, $3. The afternoon program will begin at 2 P.M. The SHABBATON will conclude with Rabbi Wechsler's Talmud Class at 5 P.M., followed by the concluding services for Shabbat.

Plan now to attend the SHABBATON with your family and friends. Singles, of all ages, are most cordially invited to attend as well. Watch for your invitation in the mail. The reservation form should be returned promptly, as space is limited.

Holiday Seminar

The second in a series of seminars about the festivals of the Jewish year will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 8:30 to 9:30 P.M. Rabbi Wechsler will lead the discussion on "Purim: Living with the Reality of Anti-Semitism." All are invited to attend, particularly parents of students in our religious school.

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Patrons Club Contributors

The Patrons Club of Park Avenue Synagogue has a single but important purpose: to provide extra money for the congregation's operating needs. These funds are very helpful, for they make certain that the superior quality of our school, our inspiring religious services and the diverse and meaningful cultural activities are kept at their high level.

The Chairman of the Patrons Club is Mr. Abraham I. Sherr, the President of our Synagogue.

We thank those who have already become PATRONS through contributions of $1,000 above their regular dues and DONORS with donations of $250 or more.

All who are in a position to provide this special support for Park Avenue Synagogue are asked to render their assistance.

Listed below are the current members of the PATRON'S CLUB:

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College Students Program

The College Students Program of the Park Avenue Synagogue seeks to keep those students whose families are affiliated with our Synagogue in touch with Park Avenue Synagogue and with what is happening in Jewish life. With that in mind, all those students whose names have been submitted to the Synagogue will be receiving a number of significant publications over the next several months.

They will be receiving *Commentary* and *Response* magazines, both of which are journals of Jewish political and intellectual ideas. In addition, the students will receive *Network*, which is the Monthly Bulletin of the Jewish Student Press Service, carrying news of events of Jewish interest throughout the world which relates to the lives of college students. Finally, our students receive the weekly edition of the *Jerusalem Post* for a period of three months, enabling them to get an inside view of Israeli life as it can be seen through this most unusual publication.

The College Students' Program sponsors meetings as well as publications. During the Spring semester, Rabbi Wechsler and Peter Geffen, the Principal of the High School, will be visiting students in the Boston area to discuss matters of general and Jewish concern. As well, the College Program serves as a clearing house for problem solving when individual college students or families refer specific issues to us.

The funding for this very important link between our young people and Park Avenue Synagogue comes from the Stephanie Lynn Kossoff Memorial Fund. This fund is maintained annually by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Kossoff, in loving memory of their college-age daughter.

Israel Program for College Students

A new program has been established for college students and graduates interested in spending nine months in Jerusalem in the study of classical Jewish texts while a part of a modern religious community. The program has recently been established by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the mother institution of Conservative Judaism. This year thirteen students are involved in the first annual program and inquiries for information are welcomed for the next program beginning in September 1979. The maximum number accepted in any one year is twenty. Study is combined with extra-curricular programs, including lectures, trips and encounters with Israelis.

When a student's home university requires grades for credit evaluation, such grades are given.

For more information and for application, write to Midreshet Jerusalem, The Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Two Inadvertent Omissions

The Journal, published in conjunction with the March of Progress Ball, listed the past Presidents of Park Avenue Synagogue but failed to include the name of Arthur H. Bienenstock. We express our apology for this error to our distiguished congregant whose long record of service and philanthropy has earned him both appreciation and esteem.

The name of the late Marvin Greenstein was not listed on the schedule of services of January 13, the Sabbath morning on which the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Elizabeth took place. We express our apologies and regret.

ENROLLMENT FORM

The Patrons Club

Abraham I. Sherr, President
Park Avenue Synagogue
50 E. 87 Street
New York, N.Y. 10028

Dear President Sherr:

Please place our name(s) on the roster of the Patrons Club of Park Avenue Synagogue to help assure the congregation to meet its operational needs.

Name .....

Address .....

Park Avenue Synagogue Players Highlight Hanukkah

The Sisterhood and Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Bennet and Frank Moroze, joined forces to present a most enjoyable program for our Hanukkah Party and Oneg Shabbat on Friday evening, December 29.

The marvelous, delightful evening began with the religious service which included a timely sermon by Rabbi Judah Nadich entitled, "A Visit to King Tut."

Then, all descended to the Lemberg Auditorium where they were greeted by a welcome sight: colorful tables laden with fruits of the vine, apples, raisins, nuts and tempting baked sweets. The hall was filled to capacity.

Cantor David Lefkowitz opened the program and, in his splendid vocal style, sang Hanukkah selections, some in solo and others in concert with members of the Synagogue choir.

With but a slight interlude, the cast of players staged a radio-style performance of the enchanting and amusing, "A Tale of Chelm," from *The World of Sholom Aleichem.*

These adaptations from the writings of Sholom Aleichem were produced by Frank Moroze who gave a skilled characterization of the wise old Rabbi David of Chelm. Excellent performances were rendered by Sam Edelman, Merwin Goldsmith, Joyce Cohen and Martha Sasmor, who is credited for lending her professional experience to assist with the direction of the skits. Cameo roles were performed by Fanny Beller and Harold Glasser.

The Committee on Arrangements from Sisterhood who assisted Mrs. Bennet in preparing the refreshments were Muriel Willins, Marguerite Rollin and Sylvia Applebaum.

The large number in attendance, notwithstanding, we can sincerely note that those who were not present missed an extraordinary Hanukkah Party, which witnessed the birth of a new addition: the Park Avenue Synagogue Players. We look anxiously toward their growth and next presentation.

SISTERHOOD DOINGS

Juliette Benton Coming On March 20

Juliette Benton, popular lecturer on current books and plays, will discuss "Shosha — The World of Isaac Bashevis Singer," on Tuesday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m., for Sisterhood. A member of Park Avenue Synagogue, her talk on this work by the 1978 winner of the Nobel Prize is certain to be a stimulating event.

Gifts for Everyone at Sisterhood Gift Shop

The Ceremonial Gift Shop, sponsored by Sisterhood, constantly has an excellent selection of gifts for everyone and for every occasion. Whether one's preference be for traditional or modern items, all of them are chosen with great care and emphasize both good taste and meaningful significance for the purchaser and the recipient.

The shop is open every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Jacob Applebaum and her devoted committee. For special appointment, please phone Mrs. Applebaum, RH 4-6119. Through Mrs. Charles Bennet, President, Sisterhood expresses appreciation to Mrs. Applebaum and the committee for their supervision of the Gift Shop, a very important Sisterhood project.

Congresswoman Holtzman to Speak at Sisterhood Service Friday, March 16

On Friday night, March 16, at 8:30 p.m., the annual Sisterhood Service will be held. Elizabeth Holtzman, Congresswoman, who is in her third term as the Representative of New York's 16th District, will be the guest speaker. Following the service, there will be a special Oneg Shabbat. Sisterhood has earned a reputation of excellence for the quality of its annual Shabbat Eve service as well as the delightful food and atmosphere that prevails during the Oneg Shabbat. All members are urged to come with their family and friends for this joyous occasion.

Rabbi Wechsler to Present Two Lectures for Sisterhood

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler has graciously accepted an invitation to give lectures to Sisterhood members and their guests on Tuesday, March 20 and on Tuesday, April 3. The talks will begin at 10:30 a.m., each of them preceding the open meeting of the Sisterhood.

Home Sought for Young Iranian Girl

As a result of the recent instability of the government of Iran, New York is beginning to receive a number of Iranian Jewish immigrants. One family has requested a home for their daughter, who is fifteen years old, while the mother and father remain in Teheran. This young lady would like to study in a local school while living with an American Jewish family, ideally, but not necessarily, a family with children her age. Should you be interested in helping this family and welcoming this young lady into your home, please contact Rabbi Wechsler at the Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Sponsors Theatre Party & Mini-Supper

The Mr. and Mrs. Club will have a gala Theatre Party and Mini-Supper on Sunday, February 25, at 4:00 P.M. The theatrical presentation will be Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience," performed by The Light Opera of Manhattan at the East Side Playhouse, 334 East 74th Street. Supper will be served — buffet style — at the Synagogue.

A few tickets are still available at a cost of $10.00, per person, for the theatre and supper. Please call Mrs. Decker at the Park Avenue Synagogue (EN 9-2600) for further details. No tickets will be sold after February 10, 1979.

WANTED: *MALE VOICES FOR CHORALE*

The Park Avenue Synagogue Chorale needs additional male voices. The chorale rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Interested persons are asked to contact Cantor David Lefkowitz at 369-2600.

Parents Association Book Fair

The Book Fair was both a very worthywhile and successful. Superbly organized by Mrs. Joan Davis, Mrs. Susan Lerner and Ms. Margo Gusick, these chairpersons and their committee spent many hours to provide the synagogue and the community with an outstanding selection of Jewish books to choose for personal use or as gifts. Their commitment to this program is deeply appreciated.

The opening day events, chaired by Mrs. Phyllis Weiner, provided an exciting start to the Fair. Rabbi Nadich gave a fascinating talk on "Writing a Book." Parents and the *hay* Class attended. A "Sing-in-Supper" was held in the evening.

The children of the Religious School participated in a Book Fair Contest. Many students submitted entries — all creative, colorful and well-planned. The winners were Laura Stullman, *gimel alef*, and Kenneth Gurney, *bet gimel*. Receiving honorable mention were students from *bet alef:* Jennifer Rudich, Stacy Tanenbaum, Rebecca Koneg, Sarah Kozodoy, Devora Schwartz, Suzy Rosenblatt, Vanessa Erlickson. *Bet bet:* Douglas Hara. *Bet gimel:* David Shuman, Adam Abelson, Jody Perlberger, Jennifer Fox. *Gimel aleph:* Abigail Revasch, Raphael Morris, Ghita Schwarz. *Gimel gimel:* Josh Davis, Naomi H. Wittes. *Hay bet:* Adina Chelouche.

These events as well as the innovative idea of advance ordering of books by mail at a discount, made this year's Book Fair an outstanding success.

Encyclopaedia Judaica May Be Purchased Through P.A.S.

The new Encyclopaedia Judaica published several years ago in Israel may be purchased through the Park Avenue Synagogue by sending a note to the office of Rabbi Nadich. The cost is $298.00, the price including the sixteen volume encyclopaedia, together with three year books for 1973, 1974, 1975/76. In addition the purchaser will receive $25 worth of books of his choice published by Keter Publishing House, the publishers of the encyclopaedia. There is an additional charge of $27 for shipping and handling. Payment may be made in Israel Bonds at 100% of current value.

Those interested may send a letter and check to the Park Avenue Synagogue, attention of Mrs. Norma Daub. More information may also be obtained by telephoning her.

PAS Hosts Lutheran Seminar

On January 4, 1979, Park Avenue Synagogue hosted the members of the Seminar On International Issues of the Lutheran Ministries in Higher Education. Made up of students who are leaders in the Lutheran Student Movement throughout the U.S. and from abroad, the subject of their study was: "Whose Land? Whose Oil? The Future of the Middle East."

Rabbi Wechsler lectured on the subject: "Jewish Theological Themes about the Land of Israel." The students had earlier spoken with Israel's Deputy Ambassador to the U.N., and were to meet with representatives of Islam, several other churches and the Palestinians. Rabbi Wechsler reports that the meeting gave him a golden opportunity to explain the centrality of the State of Israel to Jewish life—in the past and in the present. The students asked many questions about both theology and politics, and it therefore enabled those future Christian leaders to understand the Jewish point of view on events in the Middle East.

Membership Continues To Grow

Eleven families have joined Park Avenue Synagogue since November 1, bringing the total number of new family units in 1978 to 95. This, according to Rabbi Nadich, is the largest growth in the past 22 years and, probably, in the history of the congregation. Membership Committee Chairman, William Sherman, advises that another 150 families can be accommodated when the new facility will be completed.

Submit the names of prospective new members to our Executive Director, Andrew Braun, who will contact them promptly.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members of Park Avenue Synagogue family:

Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Benveniste
Ms. Shirley Benzer
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Blumenfeld
Ms. Renee Colby
Ms. Linda Fabrikant
Dr. & Mrs. Isadore Gerber
Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Lawrence
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Lazarus
Mr. Ben Linden
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smolian
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Wittes

Bet Graders Lead Junior Shabbat Services

The next four weeks, the month of Tevet, will be the "month of our *bet* graders," of the 9-year-olds who attend the fourth grade of secular school. Each of the three parallel classes of grade *bet*, in turn, will conduct the Junior Shabbat Morning Service. All the students, jointly and individually, will partake in the leading of the service, from the opening with a Shabbat song, through Hymns, Blessings and Psalms and on to the special Shabbat Morning Service, the *Shema*, the *Shabbat Amidah*, the Torah Service and the concluding songs.

Class *bet bet* was in charge on January 20; class *bet alef* on January 27 and *bet gimel* will be on February 10. The services are held in the Appleman Chapel and are followed by a *Kiddush*. Parents and grandparents of the junior cantors have been invited to the respective services.

On Friday evening, February 2, the *bet* graders will participate in the Friday Evening Family Service which takes place in the Sanctuary at 5:45 p.m.

Retirees Club Presents Posters For School

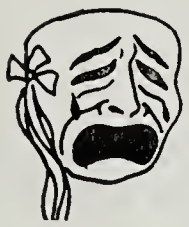
The Retirees Club, consisting of a number of men who are either retired or semi-retired, who meet at the Park Avenue Synagogue every Thursday afternoon, has recently presented to the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School two posters commemorating the Holocaust. Mr. Louis Gendzier, a member of the club, secured the posters and the group decided to frame them for presentation to the synagogue. The committee included Mr. Sidney Friedman and Mr. Harry A. Cohen. The framed posters are to be hung in or near the high school classrooms since the study of the Holocaust is one of the courses offered this year in the high school.

Announcing:

A FABULOUS DINNER-THEATER BUS EXCURSION!!

sponsored by the Men's Club

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 Buses leave at 5:00 p.m. from Synagogue



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Synagogue Offerings

Ms. Ruth Albert, in honor of Rabbi Judah Nadich.
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Mr. and Mrs. Saul A. Finkel, in honor of wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.
Mrs. Marta Fried, in memory of Dr. Oskar Klinger.
Mr. and Mrs. Noah Friedland, in memory of their parents, Simon and Fredya Friedland and Harry and Annie Friedland.
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Friedman, in honor of thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Rubin.
Mr. A. Stanley Gluck, in memory of his father, Max Gluck.
Mrs. Joan Goldman, in memory of Dr. Lester Goldman.
Mrs. Sylvia Graff.
Mrs. Solomon E. Green, in memory of her brother, Leo G. Federman.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Heller, in honor of their wedding anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kanefsky, in honor of birth of their grandson, Michael Howard Kanefsky.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, in honor of their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.
Ms. Gladys B. Kessler, in memory of her father, Charles Bloomfield.
Mr. James J. Leibman, in memory of his father, David Leibman, and for recovery of his brother, Joseph Leibman.
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lichtenfeld, in memory of their daughter, Ruth Bronstein.
Mrs. Paul Rollin, in memory of her husband.
Mr. Arnold S. Rostan, in memory of Gustava W. Rostan.
Mrs. Elsa Roth, on the occasion of Hanukkah.
Mrs. Herman B. Schoenberg, in memory of her husband, Dr. Herman B. Schoenberg.
Sisterhood, in honor of lecture by Mrs. Herman Badillo.
Sisterhood, in honor of birthday of Mrs. Leo Benton.
Sisterhood, in honor of lecture by Mrs. Sol Fineman.
Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Sonders, in memory of Aaron Schoenbaum.
Mrs. Emanuel Stein, in memory of her husband.
Esther Wasserberg, Helen Wasserberger, Ruth Wasserberger and Florence Weinberg, in honor of birthday of Mrs. Pearl Ehrenreich.
Mr. Irwin Weill, in memory of his father, Charles Weill.
Mrs. Israel Weinstein, in memory of her husband.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weisberg, in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Harlan J. Wechsler.

Chorale Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Grossman, in memory of Ethel Boriss.
Mrs. Paul Rollin.
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sabin.

Flower Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown, in honor of Bar Mitzvah of their son, Peter.

Library Fund

Mrs. Benjamin F. Gordon, in memory of her mother, Ida P. T. Shapiro.
Dr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Gould, in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich.
Dr. and Mrs. Harry F. Wechsler, in memory of Rose Heller.

Minyan Fund

Mrs. Beral Leiser.

Prayer Book Fund

Mr. Jeffrey A. Lowin.
Sisterhood, in memory of Hugh Levy.
Florence Spiegel, in memory of Hugh Levy.

Murray Rothenberg Fund

Mrs. Herman W. Bernstein, in memory of her parents, George J. and Gertrude Kaskel.

Scholarship Fund

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, in honor of birthday of Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer.

Building Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Barasch.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Bernstein, in honor of their wedding anniversary.
Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen, in memory of her husband.
Dr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Donnenfeld.
Mr. Harold Feld.
The Jerrold R. and Shirley Golding Foundation, Inc., in memory of our former member, Shirley Golding.
Mrs. Frederick William Greenfield.
Mr. and Mrs. I. Douglas Harris.
Mr. Walter Hirsch.
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz.
Mr. Stephen R. Kaye.
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Krieger
Mrs. Robert C. Mayer.
Dr. Arthur Morse.
Dr. and Mrs. Burton L. Nackenson.
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Neuwirth.
Hon. and Mrs. Simon Rifkind.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robbins.
Mr. Sheldon S. Sachs, in memory of his father, Abraham Sachs.
June and Jerry Schiller, in memory of George A. Saltzman.
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schneider.
Mr. Stephen Sokoloff, in honor of Rabbi Judah Nadich.
Ms. Miriam Winter, in memory of her sister, Mrs. Sonia B. Harris.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS — FEBRUARY, 1979

(CLIP AND SAVE)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** (Sat. thru Thurs.)				**1** 3:00 p.m. **Retirees Group** 7:30 p.m. **Chorale Rehearsal**	**2** 5:45 p.m. **Family Service** **Jewish Singles Group** 8:00 p.m. Light Candles 4:55 p.m.	**3** 9:30 a.m. **Sabbath Service** **Bar Mitzvah** Erik Erlichson 5:00 p.m. **Talmud Class**
4	**5** **E.C.C. Staff Mtg.** 12:30 p.m. **Adult Education** 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch	**6** **Adult Education** 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel 8:00 p.m. **Parents Assoc.**	**7** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Gift Shop open** **Adult Education** 8:00 p.m. Dr. Gillman	**8** 3:00 p.m. **Retirees Group** 7:30 p.m. **Chorale Rehearsal**	**9** 8:30 p.m. **Friday Night Service** Light Candles 5:03 p.m.	**10** 9:30 a.m. **Sabbath Service** **Bat Mitzvah** Amy Cohen 5:00 p.m. **Talmud Class**
11	**12** **Tu B'Shevat** **Adult Education** 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch	**13** Noon **Sisterhood Board** **Adult Education** 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel **Mr. & Mrs. Club Board** 8:00 p.m. **Men's Club Board** 8:00 p.m.	**14** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Gift Shop open** **Adult Education** 8:00 p.m. Dr. Gillman	**15** 3:00 p.m. **Retirees Group** 7:30 p.m. **Chorale Rehearsal** 8:30 p.m. **Bd. of Trustees** and **Advisory Council**	**16** 8:30 p.m. **Friday Night Service** Light Candles 5:02 p.m.	**17** 9:30 a.m. **Sabbath Service** **Bar Mitzvah** Joshua Isler 4:00 p.m. **Seudah Shlishit** 5:00 p.m. **Talmud Class**
18	**19** **Adult Education** 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch	**20** Noon **Sisterhood Open Meeting** **Adult Education** 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel	**21** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Gift Shop open** **Adult Education** 8:00 p.m. Dr. Gillman	**22** 3:00 p.m. **Retirees Group** 7:30 p.m. **Chorale Rehearsal**	**23** 8:30 p.m. **Friday Night Service** Light Candles 5:20 p.m.	**24** 9:30 a.m. **Sabbath Service** **Bar Mitzvah** David Wallman 5:00 p.m. **Talmud Class**
25 **Mr. & Mrs. Club Gilbert & Sullivan Night** & **Mini Supper**	**26** 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch **Adult Education** **W.E.G.** 8:15 p.m.	**27** **Adult Education** 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel	**28** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Gift Shop open** **Adult Education** 8:00 p.m. Dr. Gillman			